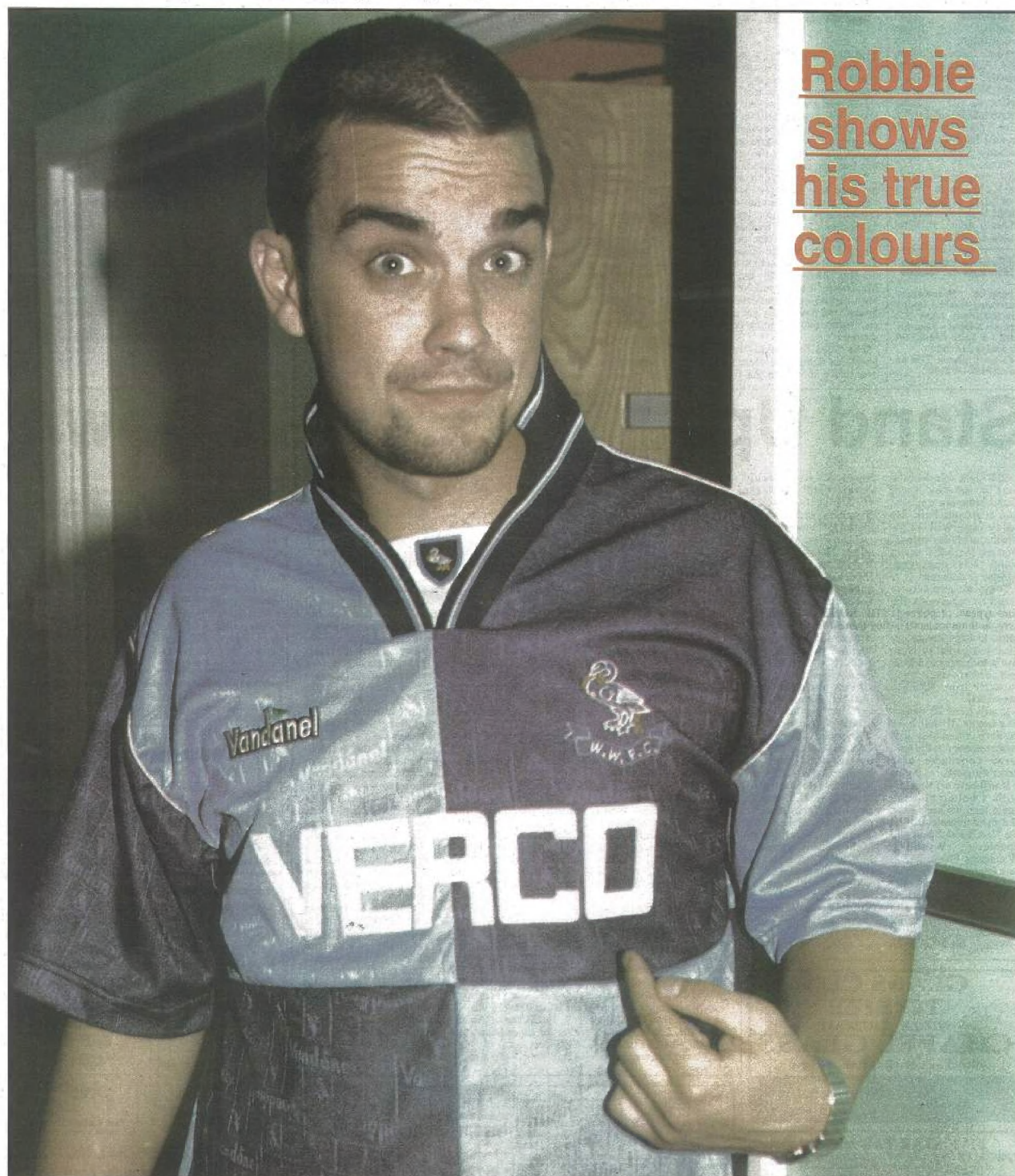


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BLUES NEWS

The official newspaper of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club



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Wycombe Wanderers Matchday Creche opens this Saturday (Sept 23) between 2.45pm - 5pm for 2 1/2 - 5 Year Olds £3.50 per session per child

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FROM THE BENCH BY ALAN SMITH

Cutting edge and character

TUESDAY night was a welcome break from our league matches and was a chance to show how good we really are against premier opposition.

Last year I was fortunate enough, with David Kemp, to get to the semi-final of this competition, eventually losing to Liverpool FC with a goal in injury time. It just goes to show the small dividing line between success and failure.

There is no doubt in my mind that having been here for three months the success of this football club over the last few seasons, from non league and the lower regions of the football league, has been the stability of the personnel running the club from the board of directors downwards and if you look at all the successful clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester United and Newcastle they have had no major traumas in the background and have rarely got into the press on matters that are going on behind the scenes.

The clubs that usually fail have had problems behind the scenes and this is eventually shown on the field of play.

Fortunately this has not been the case at Wycombe Wanderers.

We have shown far more stability on the field in our last few performances and the players are steadily growing in confidence and taking on board the information we have given them, and the three new signings have given better overall balance to the club. However, I must make it clear that everyone is not an automatic choice and that during training from Monday to Friday I will expect a competitive edge, showing that players are fighting for their positions in the first team on matchdays. Again like all the successful clubs, not only in England but Europe, we need the depth in the squad especially when we are normally playing two games a week and in fact we will play something in excess of 60 games this season.

I am pleased to say that our disciplinary record has improved and at the time of writing, we have no further suspensions and our injured players are now coming back, therefore, I am hoping that the squad will be at its strongest, certainly

ly since I have been the manager.

I can only hope that Wycombe District Council's Planning Committee last night voted in favour of allowing us to build the New South Stand, which means so much for the future of this football club. We are working closer than ever before with the community and local businesses in order to broaden our supporter base, which we will require if we are to post a long term serious threat in the football league, let alone the Premier League.

As well as increasing our involvement in the town itself, (Terry Evans and Keith Ryan recently re-opened C&A in the Chilterns Centre) I fully intend to try and visit as many factories with the players as is possible in the small amount of time that is available following training and preparing for matches.

We also have plans for the whole squad to launch the new range of Vandanel Clothing at Wanderers In Town, in the Octagon Centre, during half-term. We have deliberately targeted when most children are available to attend as, we know that many would



welcome the opportunity to meet the players and obtain autographs of the whole squad. The date of this event will be announced in the Wrexham Matchday Programme.

The club is also holding a cheese and wine on Thursday, October 19 between 5.30 and 6.30pm which will be exclusively for Wycombe Wanderers Visa card holders and members of the Official Blues Supporters Club. Can I commend both of these excellent schemes to you and trust that you will be able to join one of them so we can look forward to your company for this free cheese and wine evening.

Once again, many thanks for your invaluable support and please get behind the team for the rest of the 1995/96 season.

Stand Up

LAST night was decision time for the New South Stand planning application at Adams Park. By today you will know whether planning permission for the 5,000 seater stand was approved, rejected or deferred.

To say we need the new stand to survive in the Endsleigh Insurance League is an understatement. It will increase our disabled capacity from five wheelchairs to 150. It will increase our seating capacity from 1,267 to over 6,000.

It will have 20 executive boxes. It will have modern amenities and concessionary stalls in a large concourse area under the stand.

It will have a TV gantry with a better viewing angle than we have now. But most important of all the New South Stand will enable Wycombe Wanderers Football Club to comply with the minimum requirement for seats in the Football League of 2,000 and therefore avoid being expelled.

Without the New South

Stand the Blues could never comply with the 10,000 seats which is being proposed as a minimum for Division 1.

Clearly we are talking about the survival of WWFC as a professional football club, so it appears it's the New South Stand or bust!

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club is heavily committed to the local community and the New Stand would have 1,800 Family Stand seats, a significant improvement on the 180 Family Stand seats we have at present, kindly sponsored by Wycombe District Council.

Also the club has enlarged its full-time Youth Development staff, bringing in Neil Smillie as Youth Team Manager, moving Jim Melvin up to Youth Development Manager and appointing Matthew Smith as Community Officer.

Working with them regularly is Alan King as Youth Team Secretary, Dave Meli as Youth Team Physio, Pat Hayes as under 16's coach,

Adrian Cole as Under 15's coach and physio and Mr S. Cooke as C.Lee Physio.

You can therefore see WWFC is now heavily committed to youth with now 12 full-time YTS lads looking to break into the 1st team. Such an investment in Youth & Community requires a stadium big enough to hold the more talented youngster's imagination.

With regard to the Chairman's Managers, Players, Staff and Blues Supporters Club member's attempts to encourage the members of the WWISC to merge with the Official Blues Supporters Club, this seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

Bob Officer, in last week's BFP, felt comments I had made suggesting the two clubs merged with "deeply patronising". I can assure all members of the WWISC that the article was not intended to cause any offence, just the opposite. I apologise to anyone who felt the article was in any way patronising.



by Mark Austin
Sales & Marketing Manager
Wycombe Wanderers FC

of course their free choice, but then one must ask, why are they not prepared to heed the requests of the very persons they claim to support?

If the WWISC members merged with the official Blues Supporters Club, they would not lose their independence, as this Membership Scheme now has an independent democratically elected committee, establishing its own constitution and bank account. Also its members enjoy the following benefits that the committee of WWISC can not deliver to its members.

1. FREE membership of the Blues Travel Club.
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reduced weekend rates at most Jarvis Hotels in the UK

4. 2nd Priority Booking for ALL home matches, and away matches where tickets allow

5. FREE entry to ALL Springheath Print Capital League and Youth Team matches at Adams Park

6. FREE entry to the regular Supporters Forum with access for the elected committee to the directors and club officials via a regular quarterly meeting. Minutes of the meeting to be distributed to all Blues Supporters Club members and WWFC directors.

The club can not provide the above benefits to WWISC members if they choose to stay independent of the Official Blues supporters Club. Even though I do not understand the reasons or logic of the WWISC's unwillingness to join the Official Blues Supporters Club and receive all the above benefits,

I fully support the right of all WWISC members to remain independent, if that really is what the majority of them want. I would much prefer it if they would listen to the calls from Ivor Beeks, Alan Smith, the staff, the players and the Official Blues Supporters Club to merge. Bob Officer stated in the BFP article last

...or Sit Down

week that the WWISC "have no plans in the foreseeable future to merge" which is a shame.

The important thing is that as far as I am concerned I will support anything the WWISC does that supports WWFC. Also as far as the club are concerned any WWISC member is most welcome to also join the Official Blues Supporters Club anytime, and the invitation to merge, we under-

stand will remain open indefinitely.

Should you wish to contact the newly elected committee of the Official Blues Supporters Club, their chairman is Bob Cairney (01344) 304781 and their secretary is Keith Blagbrough of 1 Allen Drive, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4SS, telephone: (01494) 563697.

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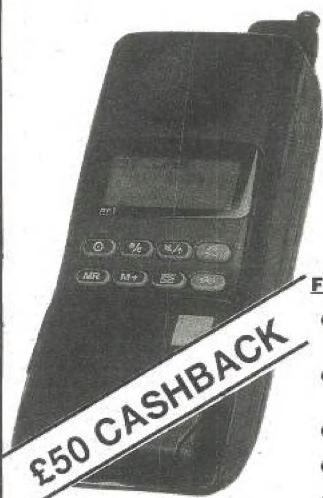
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After unsuccessful spells at Brighton and Hove,

Migs shows why hottest property

By Alan Parry

AMID the flurry of red cards, sloppy performances and inspired heroics which earmarked the start of the new season, one fact stood out above the rest; Miquel Desouza is the most exciting striker to wear a Wycombe shirt for many years.

The opening month of the 1995-96 campaign produced a roller-coaster of emotions for Wanderers' fans, but everyone was agreed that the only word to describe Desouza's blistering start was - sensational!

"Migs" - as he's known - arrived at Adams Park back in January after an unhappy spell at Birmingham City.

Barry Fry, with his unrivalled knowledge of the non-league scene, had taken him to St. Andrews on the strength of his displays for Dagenham and Redbridge.

Desouza had failed to make it as a pro' with Brighton and Hove Albion and Charlton Athletic, but in those days he played right-back.

With Birmingham's huge playing squad, Desouza found it hard to get a regular game managing only 15 appearances in two seasons - and not a single goal - before being loaned to Bury.

Then Martin O'Neill thought that Desouza would fit the bill. "Migs"

made a brilliant start to his Wycombe career, scoring both the goals in a 2-0 win at Chester on a rainswept Tuesday night.

"Migs" became an instant hit as he netted six goals in his first seven

'I have absolutely no doubt that if Migs continues the way he has started this season the big clubs will soon come sniffing'

league games before disaster struck.

On a mid-season break in Spain, Desouza badly injured himself in the last minute of a training match and limped back home on crutches.

Weeks of treatment and rehabilitation under the watchful eye of physio Dave Jones enabled Miquel to make a surprise return on the

final day of the season at Leyton Orient...and we wondered what a new season would bring.

The moment the players returned for pre-season training, it was obvious that Miquel was in terrific condition.

In my programme notes for the opening fixture against Crewe Alexandra, I wrote: "For me, the most pleasing thing to emerge from pre-season was the return of Miquel Desouza...he has looked sharp and very fit in training and impressive in the friendlies."

As you know, Miquel continued that form into the competitive season and how pleasing it was to see him topping the scoring lists for the whole country.

His hat-trick and all-round display at Bradford City was of the highest quality and I cannot remember the last time I was so excited about an individual performance by a Wycombe player.

I have absolutely no doubt that, if Miquel continues to play the way he has at the start of the season, the big clubs will come sniffing.

He has all the attributes that people look for in a striker - big, strong, fast, determined and able to score goals with his head and both feet.

He reminds me of Stan Collymore - and he cost Liverpool £8.5

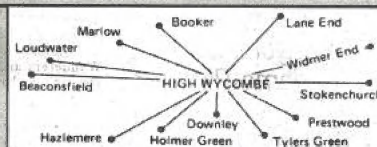
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Desouza shows speed

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million from Nottingham Forest!

Like Collymore, 'Migs' is very hard to knock off the ball, has the speed to leave defenders in his wake and has the ability to hit the target from any distance.

Again, like Collymore, 'Migs' can sometimes look ragged in terms of technique and can often be selfish if there's a chance to score himself - but who's complaining.

I predict that the signing of Miguel Desouza for just £50,000 will turn out to be the most astute piece of business that this club has ever conducted in the transfer market.

Remember, we paid just £30,000 to buy Keith Scott - and sold him

for over ten times that amount. What kind of return on our investment could we get for Desouza?

However, I was delighted to hear the manager, Alan Smith, tell supporters at a recent Adams Park forum that he had no intention of cashing in on Miguel.

Alan wants to build a successful team at Wanderers and you can't do that by selling your star players.

He certainly won't be under any pressure from the board to sell any of our prized assets.

One thing's for certain...if Miguel carries

'If Miguel carries on scoring goals you won't be able to get a seat at Adams Park for all the talent scouts from the Premiership clubs'

on scoring goals at his present rate, you won't be able to get a seat at Adams Park in future - they will all be taken by talent scouts from the Premiership!



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Desouza shows strength.....



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This Forum will set up its own constitution, control all its own finances (with the only exception each season of the membership fee season which goes towards subsidising the executive away coach travel) and elect a committee of four delegates to meet quarterly with a director and club officials.

All meetings will be held at Adams Park, without any charge to the Blues Supporters Club and the bars will be open if required.

All those who travelled on our away executive coaches last season will be aware that prices were reduced throughout 1994/95 from the previous season.

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In addition members are also guaranteed that their special prices will always be £3 cheaper per person, per away match, than non-members' prices.

The club has recently signed a five-year contract with Motts Travel to supply all the supporters' coaches and the team coach.

Every executive supporters' coach for the next five years will therefore be equipped with reclining seats, W.C., hot drinks making facilities, curtains or blinds and a VHS video/stereo.

Displayed right is a complete list of all the extremely competitive prices for executive away League match travel for the rest of the 1995/96 season.

Any Blues' Supporter Club member making 15 or more trips on the official W.W.F.C. supporters' Executive coaches this season will be able to travel to the last match of the season free of charge.

Please see Rena in the Vere Suite foyer cloakroom on match days for further details to book. Phone her on 01494 882916.

To join the new Blues' Supporters' Club membership scheme costs £10, whether you are a child, an adult or O.A.P.

If you would like an application form to be sent to you, please call (01494) 472100 or call into the Commercial Offices, Monday - Friday 9am - 5.30pm; or Wanderers in Town, Monday - Saturday 9am - 5.30pm or alternatively telephone the Credit Card Hotline on (01494) 441118 Monday - Friday 9.15am -

5.15pm. There is no booking fee if you wish to join the Blues Supporters Club using the Credit Card Hotline.

Mark your man

Take advantage of the special opportunity to sponsor your favourite first team Blues player.

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Contact Tim Arnold or Mark Austin in the commercial offices at Adams Park Tel: 01494 472100.

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Tues 29th August BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00	£8.00	£9.00	£10.00
Sat 2nd September BRADFORD CITY	£9.00	£10.00	£11.00	£12.00	£13.00	£14.00
Sat 16th September STOCKPORT COUNTY	£8.50	£9.50	£10.50	£11.50	£12.50	£13.50
Sat 30th September BRISTOL CITY	£6.00	£7.00	£8.00	£9.00	£10.00	£11.00
Sat 7th October BURNLEY	£10.50	£11.50	£12.50	£13.50	£14.50	£15.50
Sat 21st October OXFORD UNITED	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00
Sat 4th November SWANSEA CITY	£8.50	£9.50	£10.50	£11.50	£12.50	£13.50
Sat 25th November CARLISLE UTD	£14.00	£15.00	£16.00	£17.00	£18.00	£19.00
Sat 9th December WREXHAM	£8.50	£9.50	£10.50	£11.50	£12.50	£13.50
Tues 26th December SWINDON TOWN	£4.50	£5.50	£6.50	£7.50	£8.50	£9.50
Sat 30th December, 1995 BRENTFORD	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00
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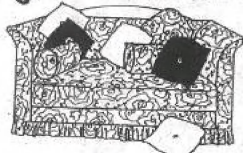
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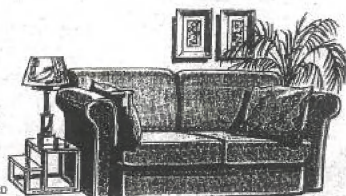


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Naturally, this presented no problem to the average senator or consul, or someone who'd made his pile on the grain market; but for Joe Publicus and his wife, Will, statues were a little out of their reach.

They solved the problem by setting up burial clubs. They would put by a few denarii on a regular basis into a pooled fund, and when one of the members of the fund died the fund would pay for the necessary statue.

That way Joe enjoyed this life with peace of mind, knowing that all would be well when he passed on.

Getting promotion in the Roman army was an expensive business too.

If someone was chosen to rise above his station as regular grunt to become a leader of a squad, he had to equip himself with the appropriate armour.

Where did the money come from? Well he and his comrades would have been contributing to a savings club. When the time came for one of them to be promoted, the club would pay out and the necessary equipment would be provided.

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If you require any further information or if you wish to book, please contact Matt Smith on 01494 472100.

Soccer stars join in the carnival fun

ON paper, it's a school fete. But in reality the annual summer event held by St Andrew's in Chinnor has become a village carnival, and despite Saturday's wet weather, local people upheld the tradition by turning out in force and making it a fun day to remember.

A total of £1,300 was raised to provide school equipment. "Whether it will be for basics because of the cuts or for extra equipment, we'll have to wait and see", explained one of the organisers, Mrs Alison Turton.

Guests of honour were Wycombe Wanderers players Keith Ryan and Dave Carroll. They replaced captain Terry Evans who was stricken by appendicitis. (From *Thames Gazette*)

Thanks from the fans

Dear Dave and Keith
Thank you for letting me and my friends have an autograph from both of you.

Thank you for the photo with me.

Matthew Pedman

Dear Dave Carroll and Keith Ryan

Thank you for coming to St Andrew's Carnival on the 15th July 1995.

We felt it was kind of you to sign our Wycombe Wanderers fans books and thank you for the free books.

Yours sincerely

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For far too long, kids from this area have gone to the likes of QPR, Crystal Palace and Southampton", Jim said. "But they can't offer any more than us, and I see it as our duty to provide promising talent with the opportunity for development."

Alan Smith's track record at Crystal Palace and Wimbledon is evidence of the importance he places on youth work. And with Jim and Youth Team coach Neil Smillie, he has instituted a five year plan that will see some serious money spent, and hopefully bring some burgeoning talent to the fore.

To this end, Centres of Excellence have been set up. At present, these are run for the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups, with Monday night training at Bisham Abbey and competitive Centres matches on Sundays.

For the under 11s, 12s and 13s, this season will see coaching sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, in order to prepare for next year, when the Centres will sweep right across the board from under 11s to under 16s.

The current under 16 side is toughing it out in the Allied Counties Under 18 League. Home matches are played at Chalfont St Peter's ground - against clubs such as Farnborough, Slough and Reading - which Jim sees as good experience.

"They will be getting prepared for the physical side of the game by taking on players older than themselves", he said.

One stage on from this is the Youth Team itself, manned by the YTS players and competing in the South East Counties League

against the corresponding teams of Tottenham, Southampton, Brentford and Oxford. This season has seen a good start - winning two and drawing one in their first five matches - and it's from this position that progression will hopefully be made to the reserves, and even the first team.

Quality is also a fair description of the coaching staff, with Alan Smith, assistant manager David Kemp, Neil Smillie, Jim and under 15 team coach Adrian Cole all full badge coaches - the highest possible FA Qualification.

There is a chance ex-QPR and England keeper Phil Parkes will be drafted in to take over the specific coaching of all goalkeepers.

The Football in the Community scheme is another area that will allow Jim to see talented youngsters, ably assisted by Matthew Smith, who has held similar positions at Crystal Palace and Millwall. During this month, Matthew will be introducing himself to every school in the area, and with Jim, will be offering free coaching sessions to schools.

A team of scouts are covering an area encompassing Milton Keynes, Oxford, Middlesex and Surrey, on the lookout for promising footballers, but Jim is also encouraging keen schoolboys to write in.

"Everyone who writes in will receive a reply, and those we invite for trials will be given every possible chance to prove themselves", he said. "We're looking for lads with a bit of pace, ability and confidence, but most importantly, to play the game with a smile on their faces. If they can't enjoy it at 12 or 13, what will they be like at 25?"

Jim Melvin believes that things are in place to provide a youth system that will pay dividends for the players, their teams, and eventually Wycombe Wanderers as a whole.

So if you're interested in becoming a part of this exciting new phase, contact Jim at the club for further information. - **Darren Bignell**

Now we are getting there

I felt that our performance in the home leg of the Coca-Cola Cup was controlled and organised, the confidence was good. In all fairness to Orient, the 3-0 final score could have been much higher with the number of chances we created.

The trip to Notts County was always going to be difficult as they had just dropped from the first division and were clearly hungry to bounce straight back.

We did not compete and paid the price.

The less said about the second leg against Orient the better.

However, the two most important facts were that we managed to scramble

our way into the next round for a plum tie with Manchester City.

When Jason was carried off, the suspected cruciate ligament injury was fortunately not confirmed and he should be back in a few weeks.

Bournemouth was another average performance.

We just never got going and the players could sense the frustration from the crowd, especially as Wycombe usually start seasons so strongly.

We all came in on the Sunday to work on putting the situation right which was very positive.

Brighton has always been a difficult side for us to beat.

This fixture towards the end of last season was the

game that really ended our play-off hopes, so the lads were hyped up.

We started very slowly conceding an early goal. The away support however stuck by us and were rewarded with a powerful header by Desouza.

In the second half after some good saves by Hyde, we looked much better with Migs scoring an excellent winner.

Last season's fixture at Bradford was one of our hardest games (we were fortunate to leave with only a 2-1 defeat) and our welcome was no different as we were under constant pressure.

The hat-trick by Migs was the difference in the sides but the whole team battled hard to record our best ever away league result.

I cannot let Desouza's hat-trick pass without a special mention as it was not only the first ever league match where a Wycombe player has scored three times, but it made him the top scorer in both England and Scotland.

I know that we had only just started our campaign and should therefore not put too much importance on this, but I was very pleased for him and the start he has made.

The last game played before going to press was the visit of Peterborough.

I felt that we played some of our best football in the first half but could not add to Garner's goal.

It is very important that when we have sides on the ropes we must punish them because, as with this fixture, they came back to haunt us - taking a point that they did not deserve.

Chuck had waited a very long time for his first start, from the moment he came onto the field the crowd were fantastic giving him every possible encouragement which continued each time he touched the ball.

The supporters had clearly decided that Moussaddik was a little difficult to chant so set-



Captain's Log
by Terry Evans

ted instead for 'Chucky', and who could blame them.

He had no chance with the goal which was blasted at him from around six yards - but went on to keep us in the game with an excellent save late on that was heading for the top corner.

I know he enjoyed himself, especially with the reception he received, and has asked me to thank all the supporters on his behalf.

There is definite light at the end of the tunnel regarding injuries.

I was very pleased to see Gary Patterson make his come-back against Peterborough for two reasons, the first because I felt he played very well, especially in the first half, and secondly, now that he is fit again I don't have to work closely with him.

It is hard enough for me to get back to full fitness without having people like Gary, Rhino and Stapes to train with, as they are all blessed with iron lungs which enables them to run all day.

Hopefully it will not be too long before Keith is back. He has been given permission to step up the training with a reserve game not too far away.

We have had our fair share of long term injuries and should hopefully soon be giving the boss some selection problems, of players to choose from.

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